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Critical Real Time Embedded Systems (CRTES)

Does the Software work?

Functional correctness

Software performs its task

Timing correctness

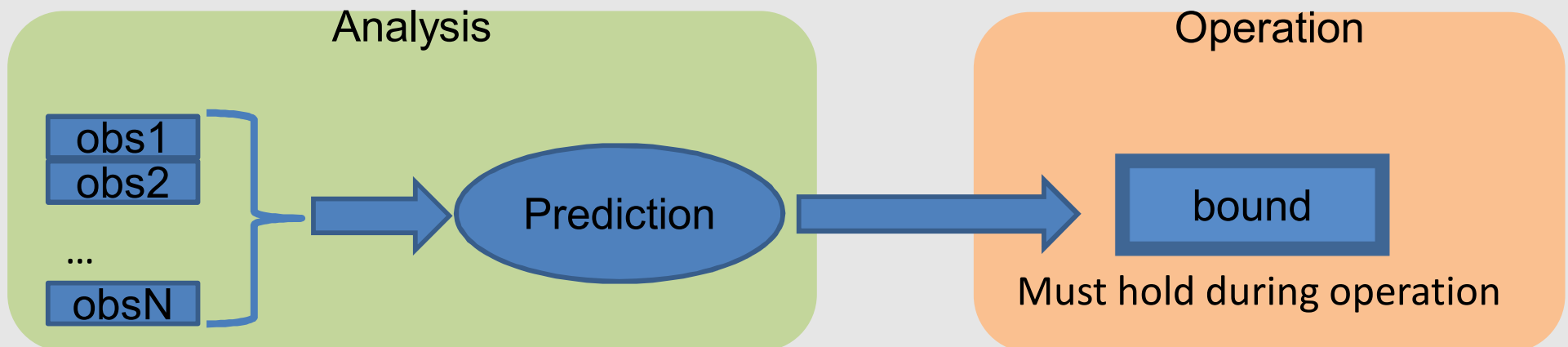
Software fits its assigned time budget

Provide evidence about the functional and timing correctness of the system (against safety standards)



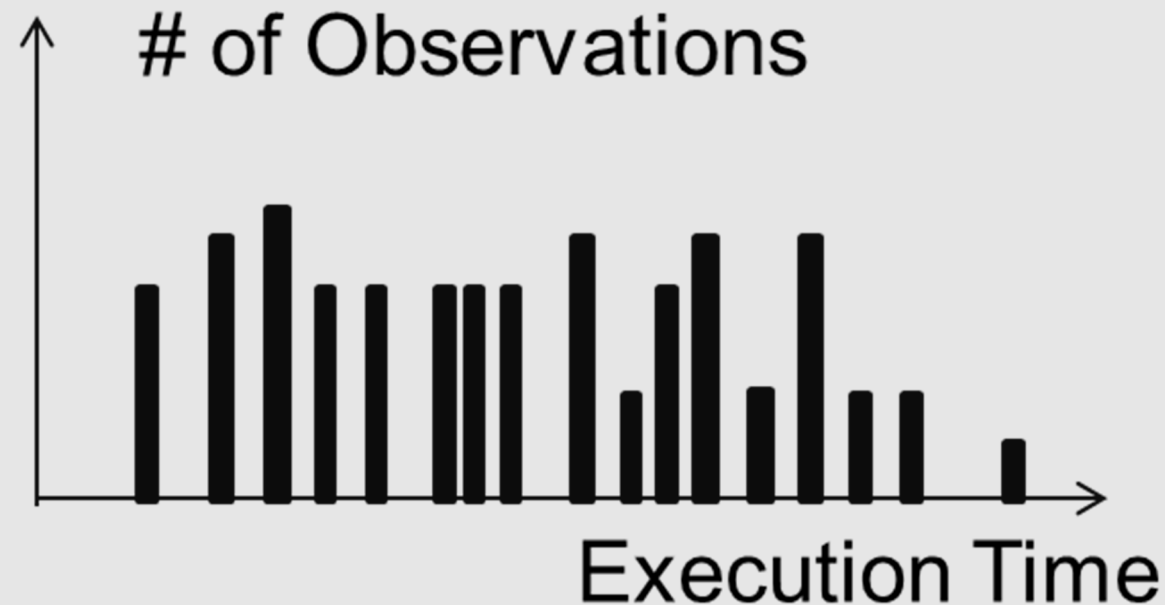
Measurement-Based Timing Analysis

- ❑ Dominant timing analysis approach in different segments
- ❑ Analysis phase
 - Collect measurements to derive a WCET estimate that holds valid during system operation
- ❑ Operation phase
 - Actual use of the system (under assumption is stays within its performance profile)



Sources of Jitter (SoJ)

- ❑ Any platform element in the platform that cause execution time of a program to vary
 - SoJ determine the **execution conditions** for each program run
- ❑ Systems are complex
 - Users only follow what happens at a high level



Goals

- ❑ Accurate and cost-effective timing analysis
- ❑ Representative testing
 - Ensure that the worst-case conditions have been exercised or closely approximated
 - Reduce the effort/cost involved
 - Do not require the end user to deal with low-level hardware details
- ❑ Get estimates as early as possible during system design
 - Achieve 'resilient' (time composability) WCET estimates
 - across incremental integrations
 - at the multicore level

High-level and Low-level SoJ

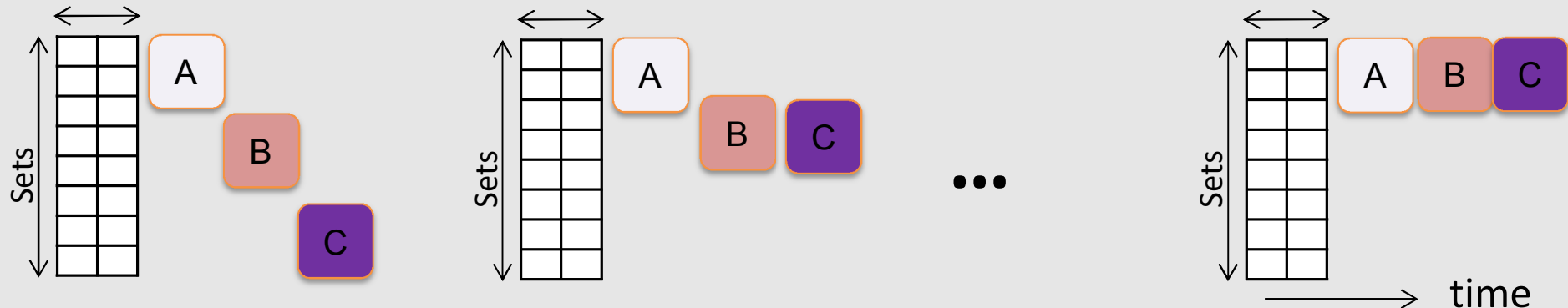
- ❑ **High-level SoJ:** the user has some control on them
 - Input vectors impact on execution paths
 - Metrics to measure coverage (SC, DC, MCDC)
 - Tools to determine coverage
 - Which path was traversed, to make claims on path coverage

- ❑ The use of complex high-performance hardware creates other **low-level SoJ**
 - The user lacks means to measure the coverage of low-level SoJ
 - Often insufficient support from the HW

Examples of Low-level SoJ

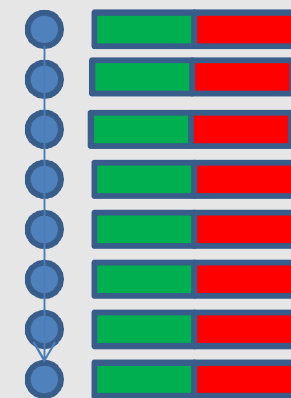
❑ Example 1: randomization SW or HW

- The mapping program objects (functions) →
 - How software objects are assigned to memory →
 - How they are placed in cache → conflicts suffered →
 - Execution-time effects



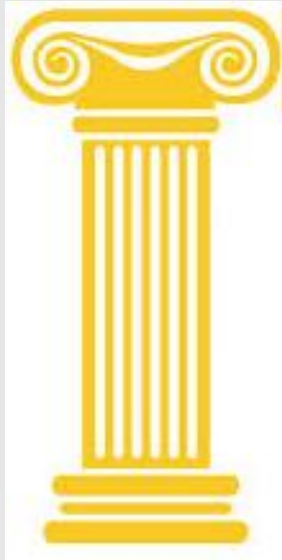
❑ Example 2: upperbounding

- Variable latency of floating point operations
- We do not want to ask the user to control the particular values operated at analysis and how representative they are



How to handle low-level SoJ

Measurement Based Probabilistic Timing Analysis



Probabilistic Analysis

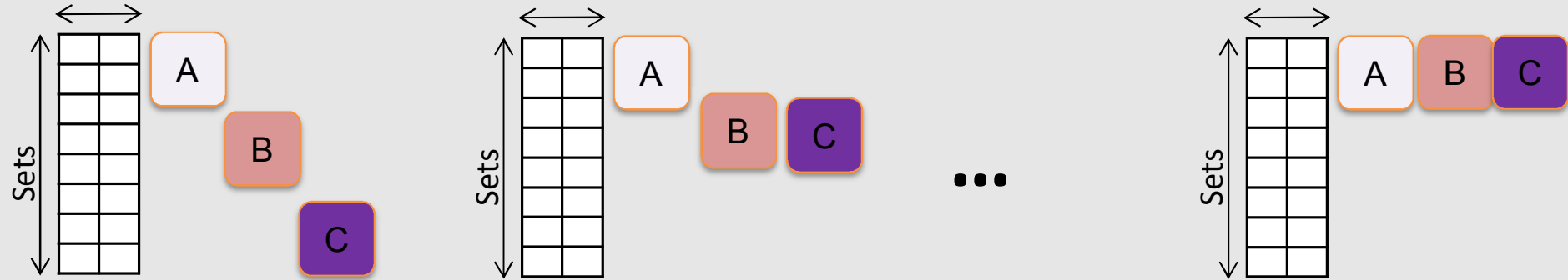


Representativeness

- Randomization
- upperbounding

Example: the Cache

❑ Memory mapping → cache layouts → execution time



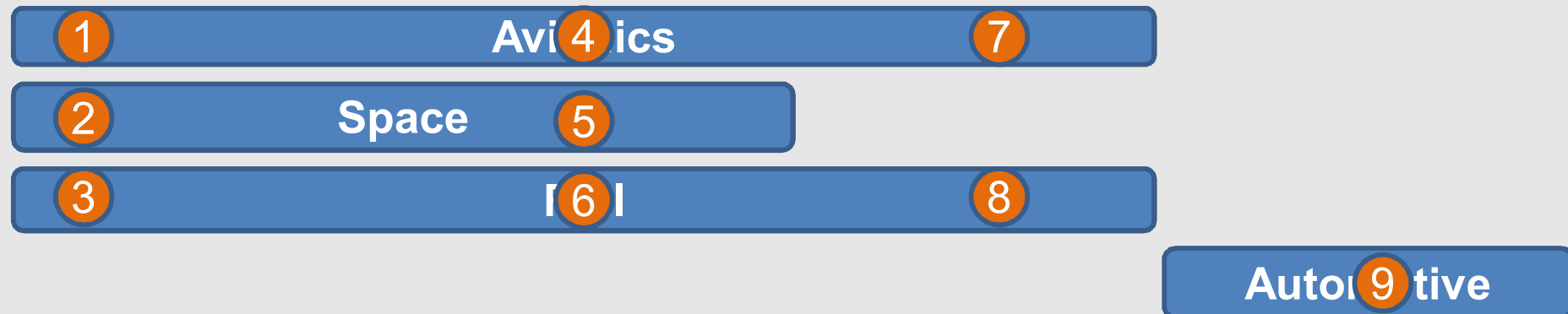
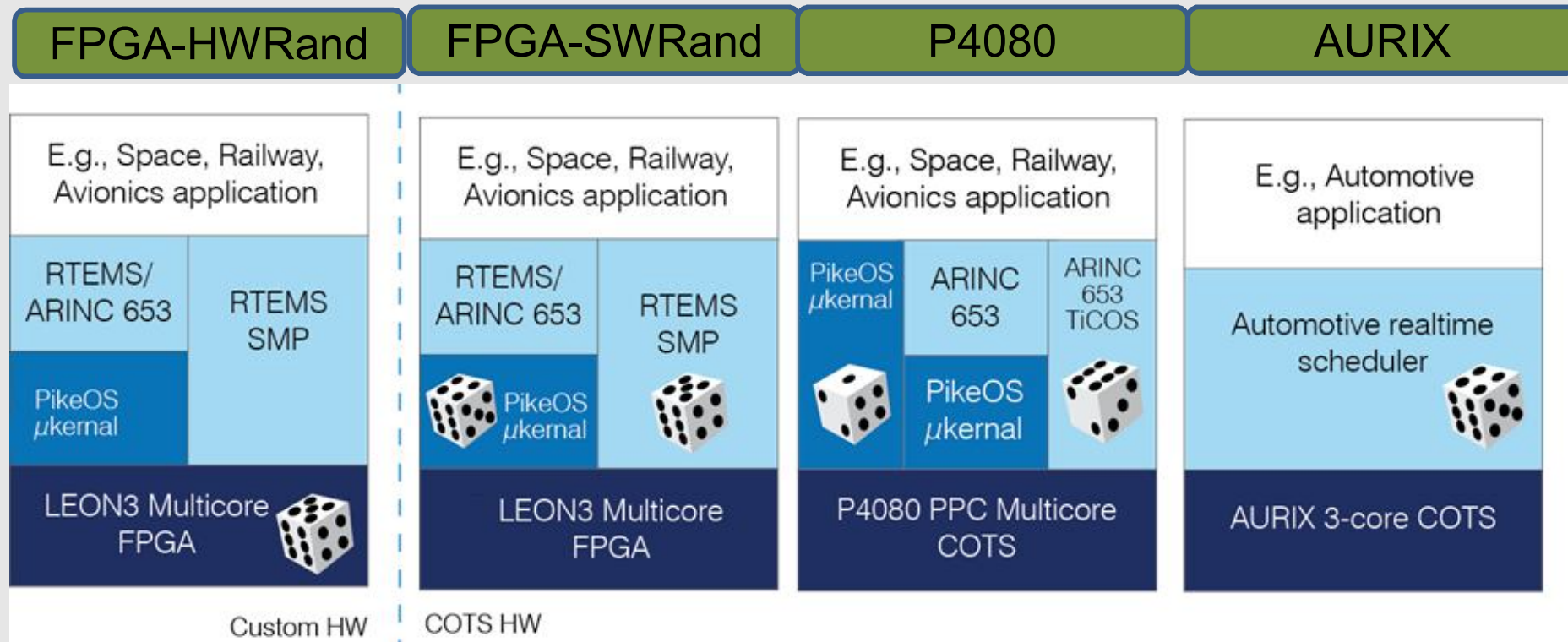
❑ Deterministic system

- How does the user get confident that experiments capture bad (worst) mappings?
- Memory mapping varies across runs, but not in a random manner

❑ Randomized systems

- Make N runs
- We can derive
 - the probability of the observed mappings @ operation
 - the probability of unobserved mappings

PROXIMA Platforms and Toolchains





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Technology Exploitation and Success Stories

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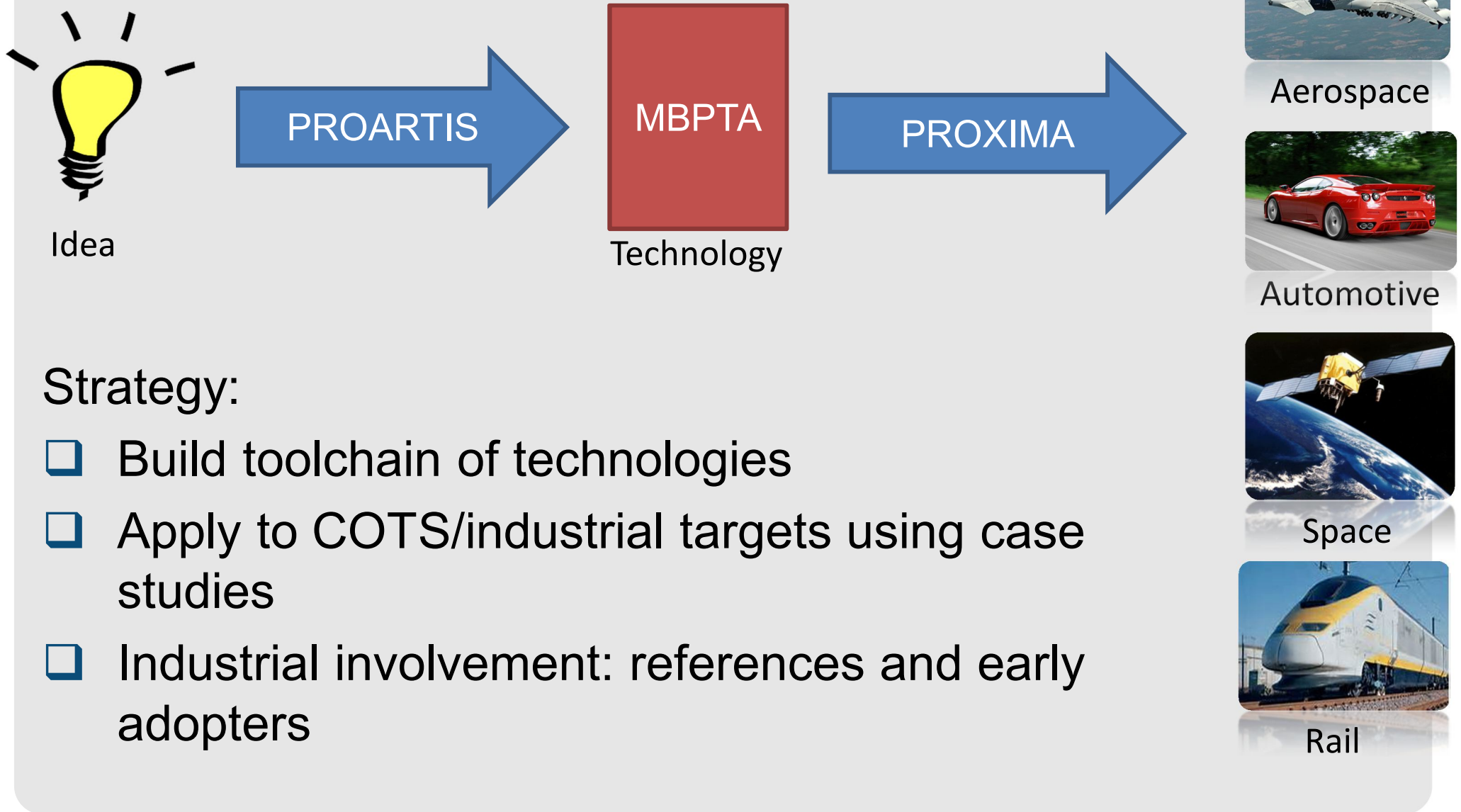
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The PROXIMA Story






What does PROXIMA give me?

- ❑ Software timing analysis
 - WCET, low overhead measurement technique
 - Cost effective embedded platforms

- ❑ Testing technique for software performance
 - Like sensitivity analysis/mutation testing for timing
 - Reduces risk of timing faults being missed

- ❑ Time-composability
 - Robustness
 - Reduce risk of timing faults nearer integration time

PROXIMA Consortium

Research Partners	Technology Providers	End Users
<p>Barcelona Supercomputing Center Universita Degli Studi Di Padova University of York INRIA</p>	<p>Aeroflex Gaisler Ab Rapita Systems Limited Sysgo S.A.S IKERLAN S.COOP</p>	<p>Airbus Defence and Space Infineon Technologies UK Ltd Airbus Operations SAS</p>
		

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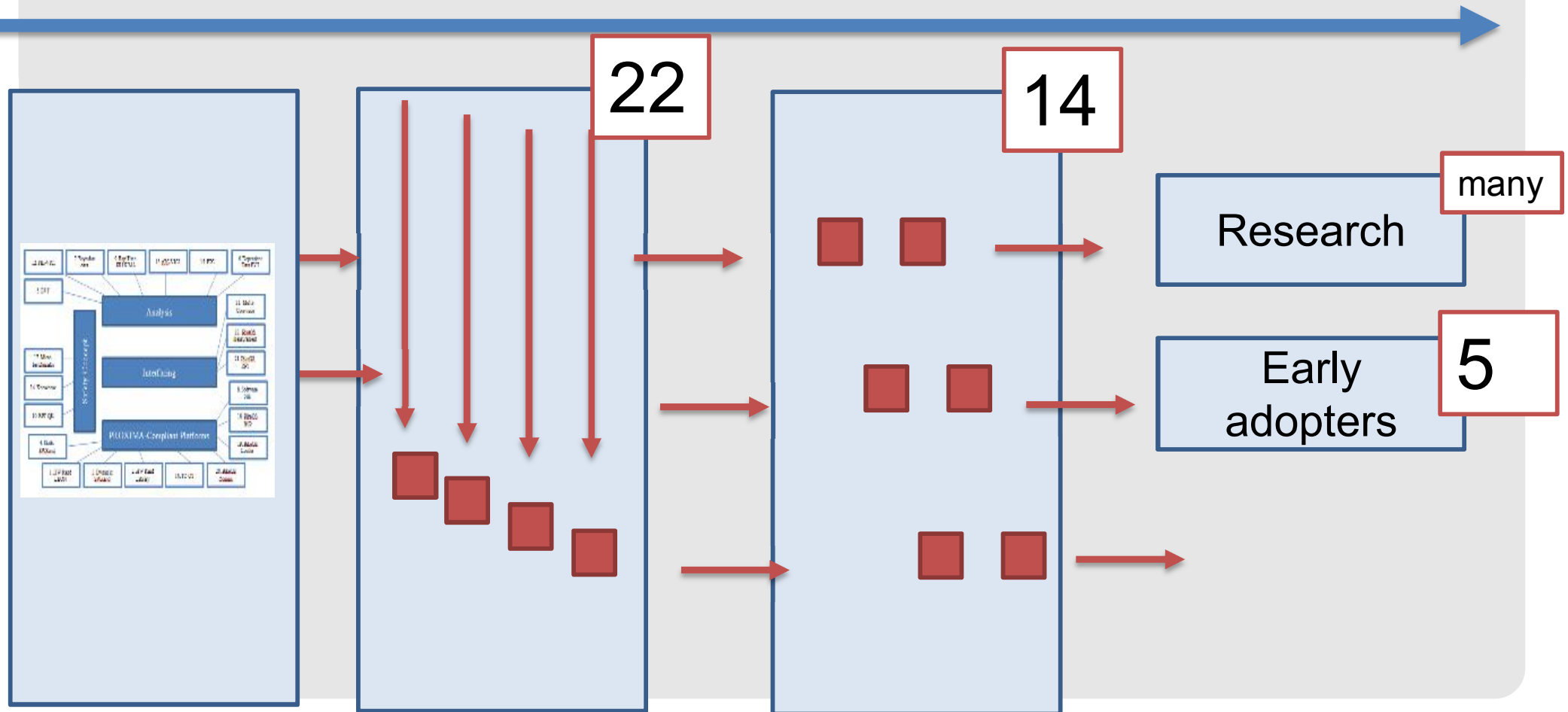
Exploitation Route

PROXIMA
Toolchain

Exploitable
Technologies

Success Stories

Ecosystem





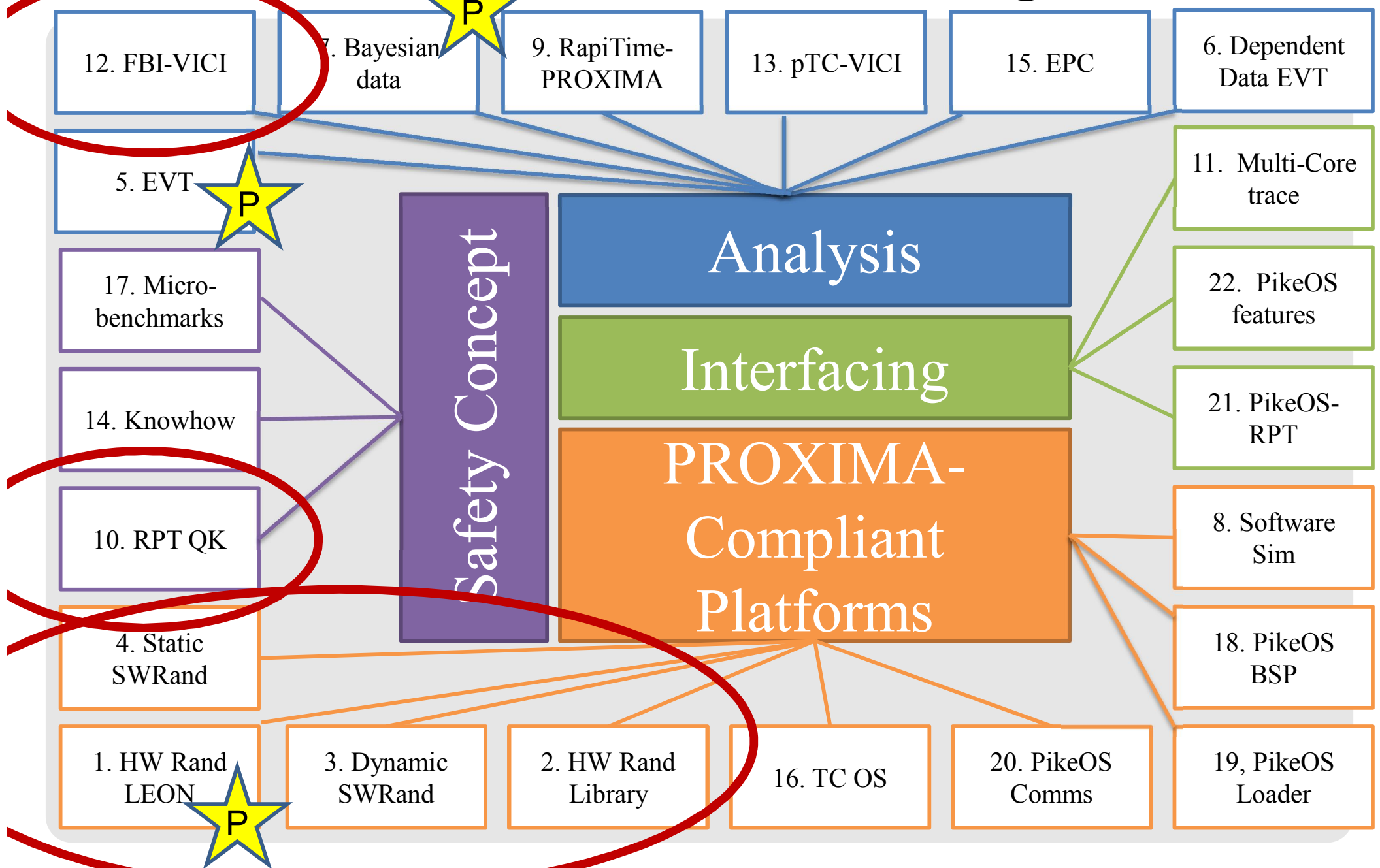
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Exploitable Technologies

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PROXIMA Exploitable Technologies

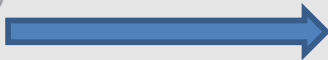


FBI-VICI Multi-core Analysis - UoY

Timing analysis of multi-core WCET interference

- ❑ **Knowledge Transfer Partnership** with Rolls-Royce (early adopter)
 - FBI being used to analyse interferences with the new generation of mixed-criticality scheduling
- ❑ **Industrial Avionics Working Group** (UK partners)
 - Investigating FBI to:
 - Provide evidence key properties of architectures hold in practice
 - Give support for both conventional and “living” safety cases
- ❑ **EPSRC research project** on Mixed-Criticality CPS
 - FBI as part of design and analysis of survivable comms
 - Aim is to understand how different factors affect the reliability, latency etc. of messages

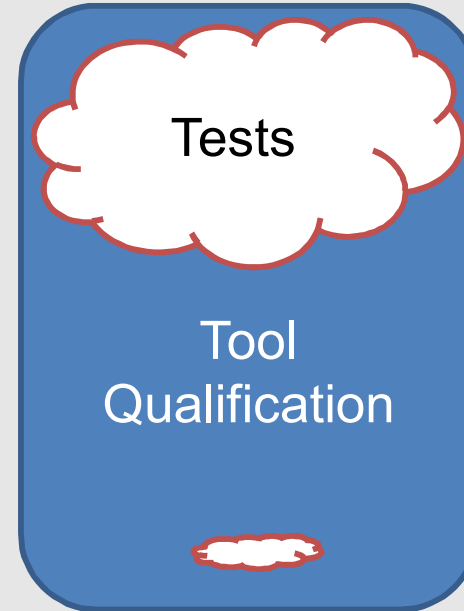
RVS Qualification Kit Productization



How do you know you can trust the tool?



Before PROXIMA



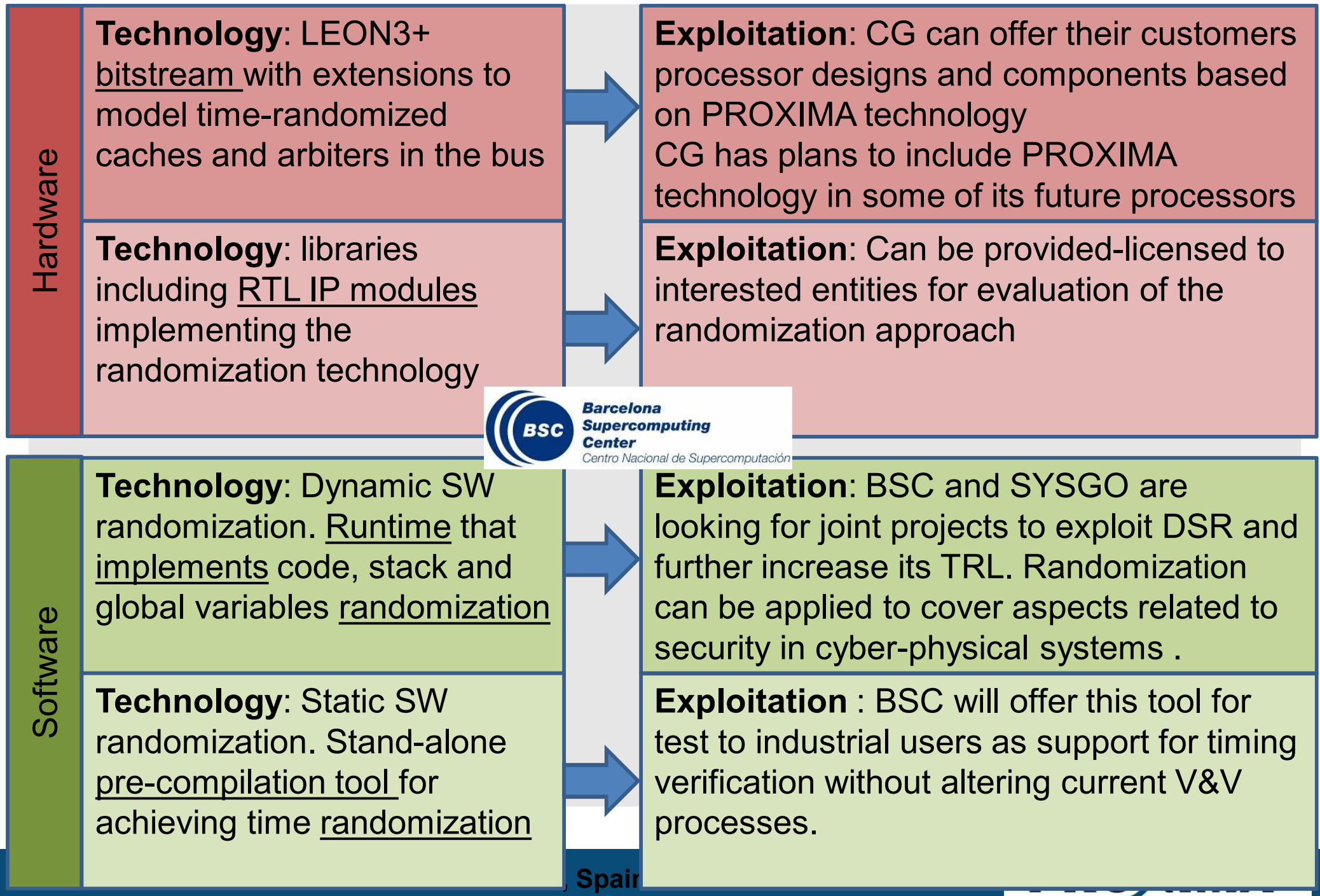
After PROXIMA

New way of building RVS tool qualification kit that is: cheaper to make, easier for our customers (cheaper to use).

Is available on the market, has been sold and used several times.

Plan: sell more of them...

Exploitation Plan for Randomization Tech





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Success Stories

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What is a success story?

- Partnership
- Commercial activity
- Opportunity
- Product or service
- Further business
- Funding, knowledge transfer
- Route to exploitation

Multicore Timing Analysis Service



RVS tools

measures, optimizes & verifies the timing & test effectiveness of critical real-time systems



Multicore knowledge:
+10 years of expertise in multicore timing analysis

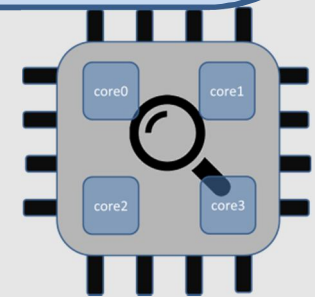
micro-kernels:
specialized technology to find corner (timing) cases

Technology: multicore timing analysis

Framework for the analysis of the processor timing of software running on multicores compliant with safety standard requirements

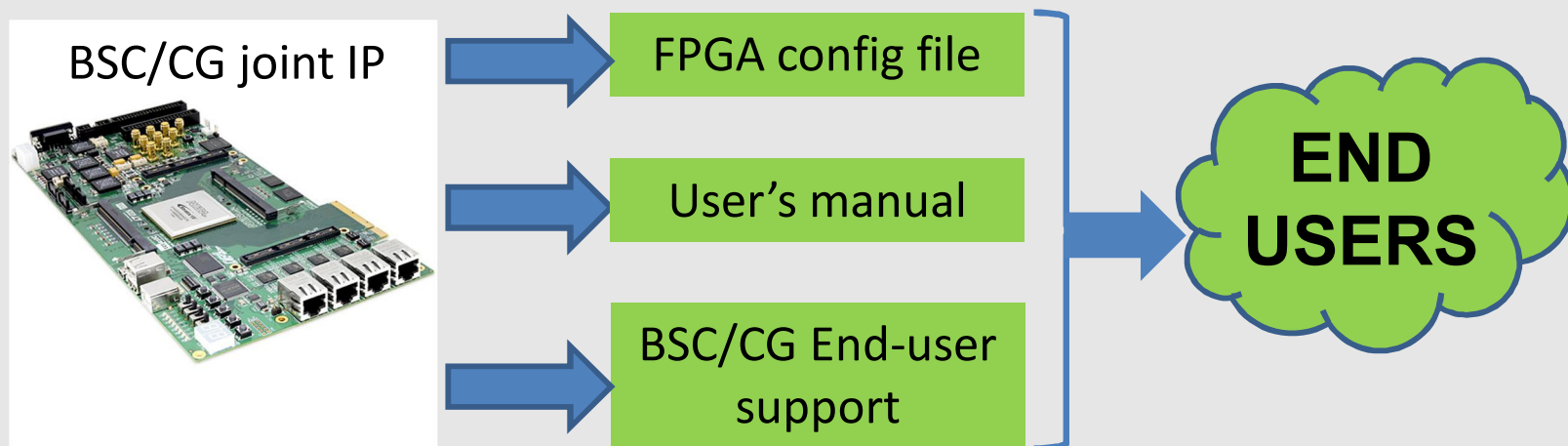
Exploitation

- New service offering
- Work for 3 aerospace & automotive customers in negotiation



BSC/CG partnership in the space domain

- ❑ Current commercial offering
 - [CG] PROXIMA's FPGA platform for evaluation to interested parties
 - FPGA configuration file for commercially available board
 - User's manual developed within PROXIMA
 - End-user support from CG or BSC based on user profile
 - Evaluation handled on a case-by-case basis
 - Use of the platform requires existing debug or evaluation license from CG
 - Commercial use likely to require support from both BSC and CG
 - [CG] processor designs based on the BSC/CG joint IP on HW-Rand, with support from BSC



BSC/CG partnership in the space domain

- ❑ New R&D
 - [CG/BSC] **joint research project with ESA** on shared cache including time-randomization
 - **From ESA** at ESA's ADCSS'16 workshop:
 - New approaches must be found: probabilistic timing analysis"
- ❑ PROXIMA technology available for existing space processor platform promoted through use in research projects
 - [CG/BSC] EFL-TR-CACHE
 - [UPD] RTEMS-SMP
- ❑ Further [CG/BSC] collaboration
 - Extended PMCs for multicore contention analysis in NGMP
 - **Privileged relationship**
 - BSC IP licensed to CG
 - CG providing BSC early access to its technology





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Industrial Partners' Exploitation Plans

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- ❑ **Exploitation plan: PROXIMA output as additional feature set to support IP core library sales and for future devices.**
- ❑ **IP core library providing platform, including time-randomized processor**
 - LEON3-based bitstream for a time-randomized processor available now. Cobham Gaisler IP library – with patches for PROXIMA hardware randomization
 - Advertised at <http://gaisler.com/leon3>
- ❑ **The same PROXIMA technology has already been proposed in bids for standard product developments**
 - PROXIMA also enables collaboration between CG and BSC on bids.

❑ **PikeOS LEOPARD BSP:**

- On demand with PikeOS 3.4, candidate for a future PikeOS 4.X

❑ **Time Composable PikeOS communication ports:**

- On demand with PikeOS 3.4, candidate for a future PikeOS 4.X

❑ **MBTA & MBPTA support (PikeOS/RVS integration):**

- On demand with PikeOS 3.4, candidate for a future PikeOS 4.X

❑ **PikeOS/RVS integration:**

- opened new tools business in 2 major avionics suppliers

- ☐ Waiting for technology to be fully commercialized
 - Monitoring technology developments
- ☐ Ongoing research with INRIA
- ☐ Invited PROXIMA to present technology at a certification conference

On-going

- ☐ Internal promotion
- ☐ Lobbying on agencies to adopt PTA
 - ESA already involved in PROXIMA
 - CNES in progress

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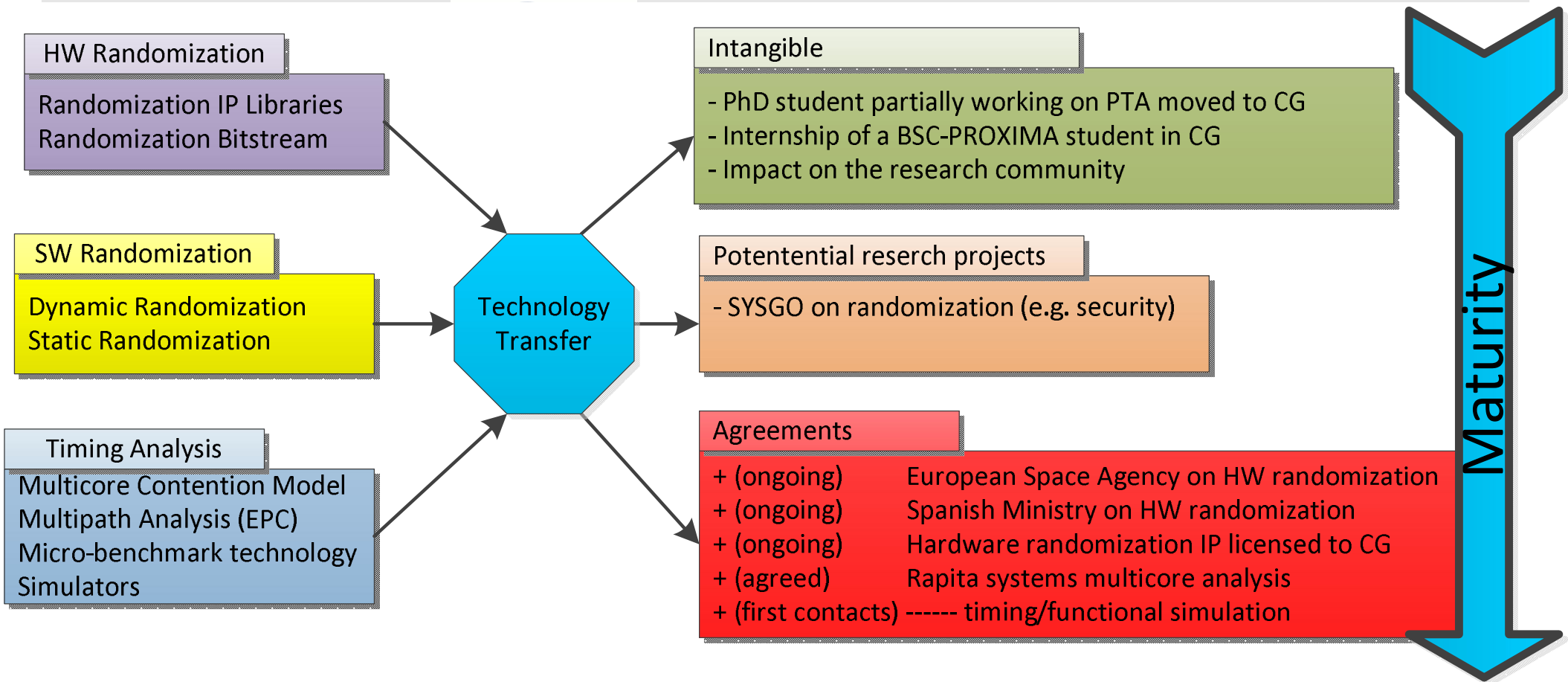
- ☐ CNES will issue an ITT next year to continue research
 - Focus on ARM target
 - Use case: auto-coded AOCS
 - Technology: Software randomisation from PROXIMA

- ❑ **RVS QK product (aero market):**
 - Sold already, certified on civil aeroplane. Plan: sell more...
- ❑ **RapiTime-PROXIMA:**
 - Some features to become as part of “time-bands” release in 2017. Early Access Programme.
- ❑ **Multi-core tracing:**
 - Now part of integration service (future business growth area), variant is now in use.

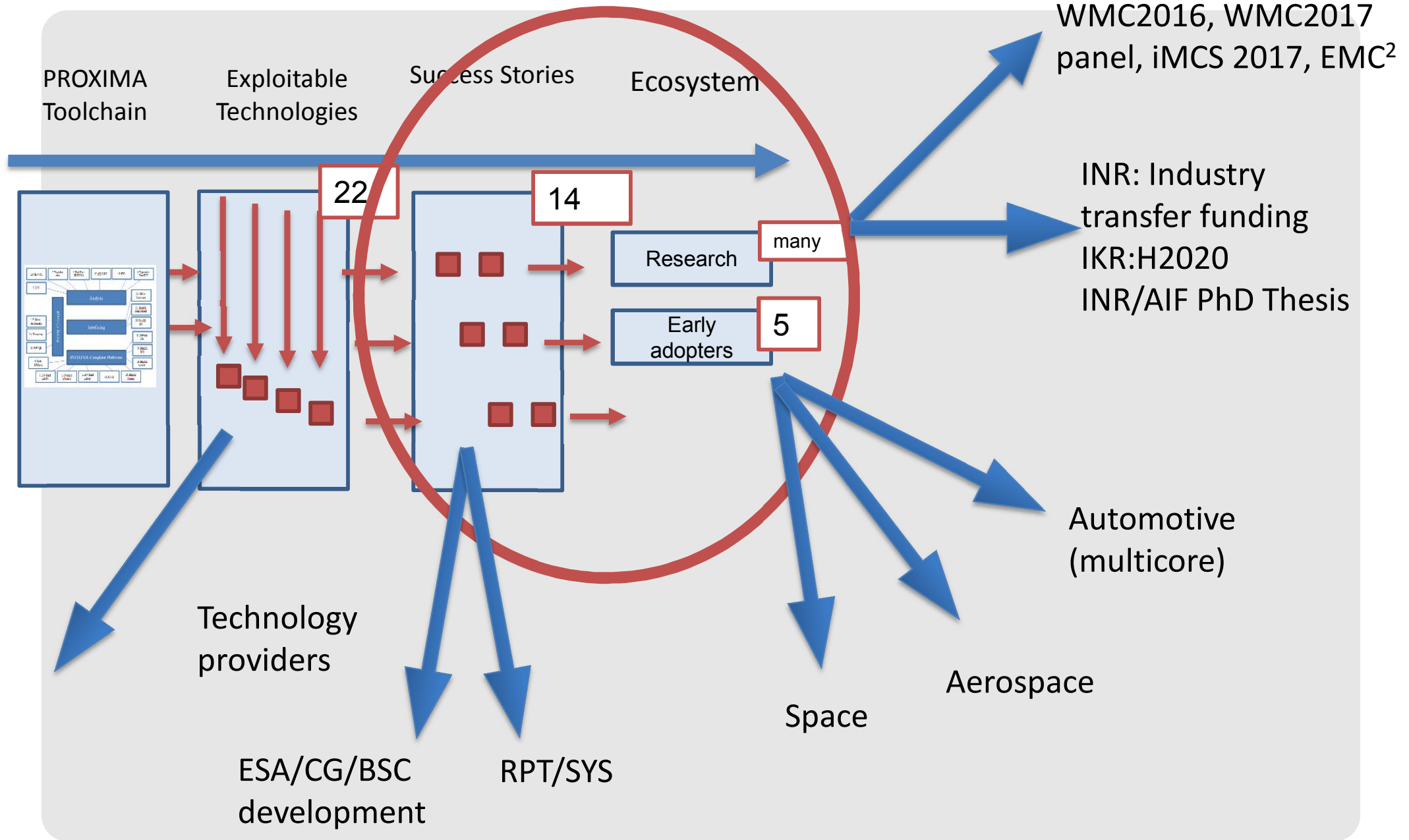
- ❑ **SYS/RPT PikeOS/RVS integration:**
 - Develop business in customers
- ❑ **BSC/RPT new multi-core services**
 - Opportunity with 3 customers

BSC: Transferring Technologies

- ❑ We have developed
 - HW/SW randomization technologies
 - multicore contention model
 - timing analysis techniques
 - Simulation infrastructures
- ❑ Different readiness for industrial transfer
- ❑ Exploitation approach identified for all them



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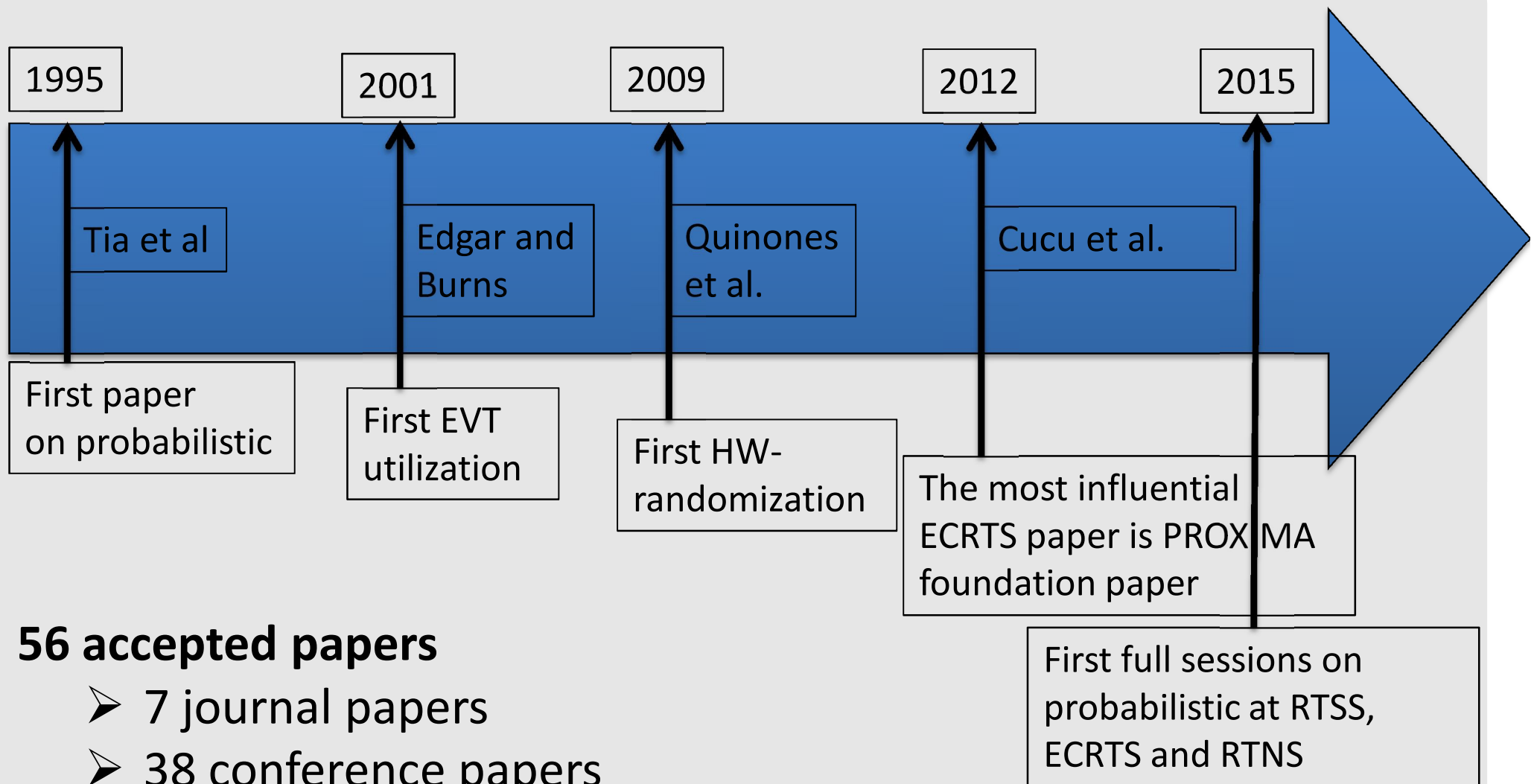
Mixed-criticality systems

Probabilistic approaches

Building a mixed-criticality community

- ✓ **WMC: 4 editions**
 - RTSS workshop
 - Largest number of participants
 - Largest number of submitted papers
 - Proposed and co-organized by **PROXIMA dissemination leader**
- ✓ **Dagstuhl seminar on mixed-criticality : 2 editions**
 - The most prestigious event in Computer Science
 - Proposed and co-organized by **PROXIMA dissemination leader**
- ✓ **Challenges in Mixed Criticality**
 - Thematic session on MC at Hipeac CSW 2014
 - Proposed and co-organized by **PROXIMA leader**

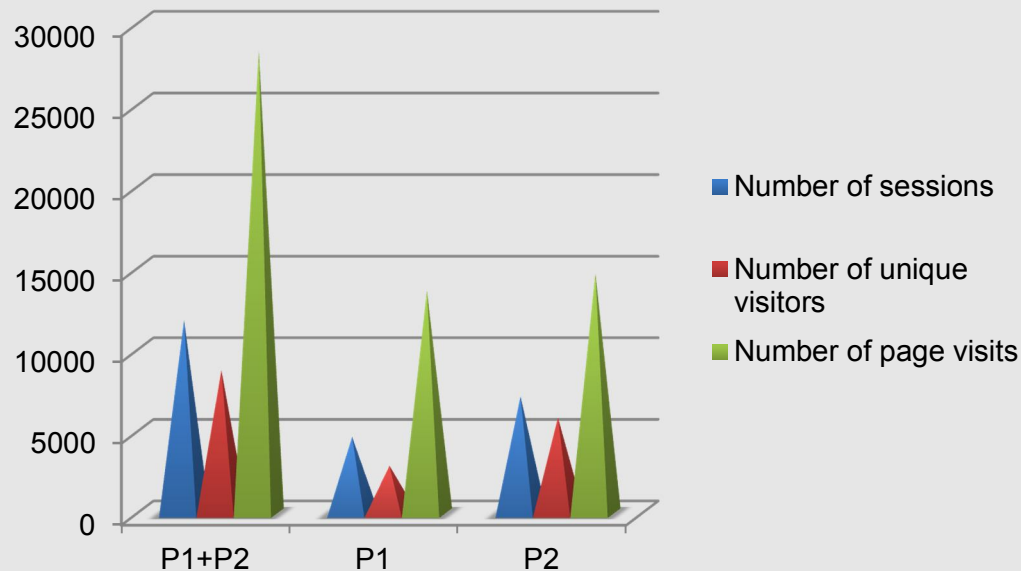
Consolidating the recognition of probabilistic



56 accepted papers

- 7 journal papers
- 38 conference papers
- 11 workshop papers

Important dissemination impact



The PROXIMA final industry workshops has attracted more than 20 international experts

Innovation Europe

GOOD TIMING: PROXIMA RESULTS TO HAVE WIDE-RANGING IMPACT



The EU FP7 IP PROXIMA project has recently concluded having worked for the last three years on the development of probabilistic software timing analysis and tools for multicore platforms. Its goal has been to reduce the cost of software timing verification for mixed-criticality and multicore systems.

PROXIMA focused on two main areas of work: timing analysis tools using probabilistic techniques to predict program timing behaviour; and methods to improve testability of real-time systems using injection of randomization into the timing behaviour of certain hardware/software. Covering both customized hardware designs and COTS technology, PROXIMA has been applied to several platforms including LEON3, AURIX and P4080.



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